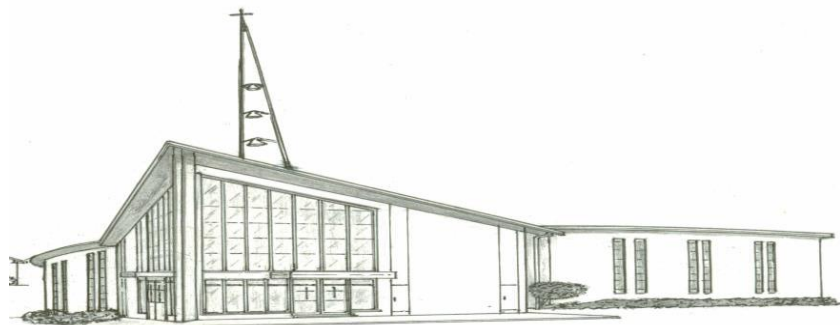


**Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
March 12, 2017**



Rev. Robert A. Roncase, Pastor
Rev. Raymond W. Smart, retired; resident
Deacon Michael J. Franks
Deacon Mark J. Meinzer, Business Manager
Rev. Edmond J. Speitel, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. John J. Scarcia, Retired Pastor
Shirley Misiak, Office Manager
Catherine E. Faust, Director of Music
Wendy Benner, Coordinator of PREP/Religious ED
Tom Dewees, Director Catholic Family Life Center
Dianne Linden, Administrative Assistant CFLC
Anita Fuhs, Youth Minister

Parish Phone Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.9275
Youth Ministry	267.733.2572
Religious Education/PREP	215.679.7839
Catholic Family Life Center	215.679.2237
Parish Hall	215.679.8116

Fax Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.0386
Religious Education/PREP	215.679.8370
Catholic Family Life Center	215.679.8370

Church & Rectory Address:

1325 Klinerd Rd; Pennsburg 18073

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Email Address: ofcmgr@spnparish.org
Website Address: www.spnparish.org

Religious Education Office address & hours:

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Monday & Friday: Offices are closed
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Email address: prep@spnparish.org

Neri Center Address

575 Main Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

Catholic Family Life Center Address

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Email address: tdeweese@spncflc.org
Website Address: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com

Youth Ministry Office hours: (East Greenville)

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Email address: youthministry@spnparish.org

ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel

Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass
Monday at 1:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Chapel,
followed by Benediction.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

For a floral arrangement to be placed at the altar,
please call the rectory.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 5:00 PM
Sunday – 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM
Holy Day Masses as announced

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - St. Anne Chapel

The Chapel is open Monday thru Saturday until
7:00 PM for your visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Daily Mass is celebrated in the
Chapel attached to the rectory:

Monday - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Saturday - 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM
Sunday: 9:15 - 9:45 AM or:
at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT anytime.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Rectory to schedule
2nd Sunday Baptisms are held at the 10 AM Mass
3rd Sunday Baptisms are held at 11:30 AM

SPONSORS: Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation
need to be at least 16 years of age, to be confirmed,
attend Mass weekly, and if married, be in a valid
marriage.

PRE-JORDAN CLASSES

Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least SIX
MONTHS before the date of the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to your new home!
Please stop by or call the rectory between 9:00 am -
4:00 pm to fill out a registration card.

SHUT-INS

Please call the Parish Outreach Office.

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Please call the Rectory.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Catholic Parish Community of St. Philip Neri, answering Christ's call to discipleship through Word, Sacrament and Service. We proclaim God's hope and love to all.

Serving at Mass
Extraordinary Ministers

March 19
Lectors

5:00 pm - Sharon Shaak
Alice Swift
Priest
Deacon
Teri Boone
Dave Boone
J. Warnas

7:30 am - Bill Gurgick
Lisa Gurgick
Priest
Deacon
Maureen Moser
Paul Moser
J. Gilmore
T. Gilmore

10:00 am - Rose Anderson
Mary Ellen Paulk
Priest
Deacon
Marianne Peters
Leonette Nicolaou
Terry Benner
Wendy Benner
Judy Horvath
Matt Horvath
Dawn McCausland
Theresa Walker
M. Gehringer
Ed Tryon

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2017

Monday, March 13
6:30 am - Communion Service
9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in Chapel
5:00 pm - Joseph Gehringer, (Paul & Maureen Moser)

Tuesday, March 14
6:30 am - Communion Service
8:00 am - Rachael Henry,
(Charlie & Eileen McMillen)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, March 15
6:30 am - Communion Service
8:00 am - Frank Moore,
(Joanna Zappala, Rose & Tom Devitt)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, March 16
6:30 am - Communion Service
8:00 am - Josephine Cain
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
7:00 pm - Stations of The Cross

Friday, March 17, Saint Patrick
6:30 am - Mass in Chapel
8:00 am - Tom Virus, (Judi Virus & family)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, March 18, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
9:00 am - Beverly Latshaw, (Rita Latshaw)
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - Esther Moser, (Paul & Maureen Moser)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2017

7:30 am - Living & Deceased Members
of the Parish.
10:00 am - Mary & Joseph A. Kaiser,
(Gloria Kaiser)

FLOWERS

The Red Roses placed at the Sacred Heart Altar are in memory of **Thomas Virus** on his Tenth Anniversary; requested by: Wife Judi, Daughters and Grandchildren.

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick, those in hospitals, nursing homes, also for their caregivers; and all those we hold close in our hearts.

Please pray in particular for:
Michael Quigley

For those who have died, and in particular for **Nick Singer**, grant them eternal rest and peace.

MARCH 2017: This week at a glance

Monday - March 13

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Holy Rosary Hour 1:00 pm Chapel
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Neri Center

Tuesday - March 14

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Parish Hall

Wednesday - March 15

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
PREP/Religious Education 6:30 pm CFLC

Thursday, March 16

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm Neri Center
Praise and Prayer 7:30 pm Chapel
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church

Friday - March 17

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Bible Study 9:00 am Neri Center
Frontier Girls Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Hall

Saturday - March 18

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
KOC Come-n-Go Bingo 6:00 pm Parish Hall

Sunday - March 19

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 am Mass
Little Church 10:00 am Parish Hall
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm Parish Hall
Youth Ministry 5:30 pm Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

SPN AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

SPN Parish Council At-Large Members welcome any questions or comments you may have.

Tony Bauer: ajbauer337@gmail.com

Ray Carr: bigdaddy2530@gmail.com

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Theresa Walker: cheg1978@comcast.net

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

<u>March 6, 2016</u>	<u>March 5, 2017</u>
Envelopes: \$ 6,307.00	\$ 5,734.00
Online: 1,706.00	1,882.00
Loose: 272.00	958.00
Children: 25.00	57.00
Total: \$ 8,310.00	\$ 8,631.00
Military:	\$ 1,116.00

ONLINE GIVING

Go green with St. Philip Neri Church by signing up for **Online Giving**. This is a secure and personalized way of giving to the Parish. You have the option to keep receiving your regular offering envelope packets if you wish.

Special Second Collections:

March 2017

For those who do not receive Sunday collection envelopes or if you are an On-Line giver, the following special collections are:

Ash Wednesday; Archdiocese for Military Services; Latin America & 100th Anniversary.

Give a St. Philip Neri Memorial Gift!

For a donation of \$35 or more, there is a beautiful Folder recording the gift and donor to be presented to the family.

We also have Living Memorials for those special occasions in life.

PARISH OUTREACH

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Are you recently retired? Are you looking for some type of fulfilling act of kindness that you could do for someone in need on a weekly or bi-weekly basis? We have just the Ministry for you. After a brief Orientation, we only require a willingness to listen.

The parish has members who are lonely and in need of a friend. If you feel you would be that person, call Joan Lampart, Parish Outreach Coordinator at: 215.679.9275 and leave your name and phone number. You will find you receive more than you give after you develop a relationship with your fellow parishioner. Think and pray about joining Friendly Visitors.



SPN SENIOR CLUB 2017 CALENDAR

- March 22 SPN Senior Club 2nd Anniversary
- April 26 Sheila Ruth from Senior Center
- May 24 Hopewell Furnace
- June 22 Casino Trip to Atlantic City
- June 28 Luncheon
- July 26 Picnic
- August 23 Dr. Eiss ("Aging Eyes")
- Sept. 24 Basket Bash
- Sept. 27 Celebrate the 50's
- Oct. 10 Trip to Penn's Peak:
Tribute to Barbara Streisand
- Oct. 25 Halloween Party
- *Nov. 15** Salute to Veterans
- Dec. 1 American Music Theatre
Christmas Show
- *Dec. 13** Seraphims from St. Mary
Catholic School

***: Note change of date due to holidays**

COME-N-GO BINGO

St. Philip Neri Parish Hall

FREE Admission

Saturday – March 18, 2017

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Games begin at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$.25/game

50/50 cash pots and

special bonus & gift prize pots.

Menu: hot/cold foods & drinks

**If you bring a non-perishable item to benefit
Open Link, you play two free games of Bingo!**

Sponsored by: KOC 6614

More info call: 215.679.6405



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

St. Philip Neri Knights of Columbus Father Letterhouse Council 6614 is running a food drive on the weekend of April 1 and 2, we need your help to stock the shelves at The Open Link's Food Cupboard!

Join us in our efforts by donating canned goods and non-perishable food items such as: Boxed meals, canned vegetables, juice, soup/stew, canned meats, canned pasta, boxed pasta, canned fruits, cereal, and peanut butter.

We will also be accepting monetary donations that will go directly to The Open Link, Together we can make sure that NO child, adult, or senior in the Upper Perkiomen Valley goes hungry.

Collection sites: SPN Church after Masses and the Parish Hall at the monthly breakfast, or at The Catholic Family Life Center in East Greenville.

Questions, contact John Lamond: 267-923-8310 or email to johnlamond24@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CFLC

215.679.2237

Thank you to everyone who attended our Kickoff Program on Duffy's Cut - Death on the Railroad; it was an outstanding success and we appreciate all of your support for the Catholic Family Life Center!

Registration is still available for:

Sunday, March 12th:

SPECIAL EVENT #1 - MYSTERY WHODUNIT?
2PM - NERI CENTER.
WALK-IN'S WELCOME!!

Tuesday, March 14th:

SPECIAL EVENT #2 - PHILA. FLOWER SHOW
Departure time: 9AM from CFLC
There are seats still available. Register online or call the CFLC ASAP.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, May 7th:

SPECIAL EVENT #3 - Mother's Day Tea Party
2PM - NERI CENTER

Saturday, June 3rd:

MUSEUM of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION -
PHILADELPHIA - Register by Sunday, May 21

Registrations still being accepted for Programs in March, April and May.

visit us online at:

www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com

SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday - April 1

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

rain date: April 8

Can you help out for a few hours? The Garden Club will be cleaning up the Church grounds and many hands are needed. Questions? Call Lee Johnson: 215.679.6309.

Coffee and donuts will be provided.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Ages 1 to 11 years

SPN Parish Church grounds

Saturday – April 8

10:00 AM SHARP!

RAIN or SHINE!

sponsored by: K.O.C.

A reminder to all parents: You are responsible to bring and pick up your children.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus speaks these words today. Have you considered being a priest? Be a Fisher of Men. www.HeedTheCall.org.

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers

is Saturday, April 1 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul at 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap., will be the principal Celebrant and Homilist. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

To RSVP: www.opdarchphilly.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities: 215.587.3530.

MOM Heart of the Home Day of Renewal

Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal on March 18, 2017 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester.

Continue your Lenten Season by replenishing your spirit.

See our registration form for all details by going to: www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html, or by calling: 484.798.7368 or 610.384.4933 for more information.

The Observance of the Memorial of SAINT PATRICK and the Lenten Obligation to abstain from meat on Friday - March 17

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, in accord with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17.

The U.S. Bishops prescribe as a *minimal obligation* that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. This is a corporate gesture of penance observed by all the members of the Church in the U.S.

In certain circumstances, such as the coincidence of Saint Patrick's Day and a Friday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop may grant such a dispensation from the observance of the corporate gesture of penance on a penitential day. However, as with every Friday of the Church Year outside Lent, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of our Lord on the cross.

On Saint Patrick's Day, the memory of this missionary apostle to Ireland recalls his preaching of the Faith and encouragement to live authentic Christian Lives. Lent does not disappear with the festive celebration of Saint Patrick. Rather, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Roman Catholics may fittingly observe March 17, 2017 with another choice of penance rather than abstaining from meat.

LILY'S GIFT

If a prenatal diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. A collaboration of the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Catholic Social Services and Office of Life and Family, this service can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. For support: email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com.

Save the Date! TRADITION CONFERENCE

In 1992, St. John Paul II approved the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its promulgation, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will sponsor a conference on Monday, June 19th, entitled: Tradition - A Celebration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This day features national speakers who will focus on the four pillars of the Catechism and will be held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel.

All of the faithful are invited to attend. Please note that headsets for translation will be provided for those who wish to listen to the talks in Spanish. Questions? Please contact Ann Menna, Office for Catechetical Formation at: amenna@archphila.org.

AREA NEWS

Golfers and non-Golfers . . . have fun and protect Life! The Valley Forge Chapter Knights of Columbus is holding its 9th Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, May 5, at Twin Ponds Golf Course in Gilbertsville. The Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$100. Dinner only tickets available for \$35/person. Sponsorships are welcome! Call Gary Huster at: 610.972.0356 (thebighue@aol.com) or Mark Nunan at: 610.754.7185 or marknunan@dejazzd.com. All proceeds benefit Local Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

You look divine

Extreme makeovers are all the rage. Some of us sense that a more beautiful person is hiding inside, and with a lot of help and loads of money, we try to make our dreams come true. Well, we're half right—something beautiful is hiding inside

of us, but plastic surgery and a new wardrobe won't bring it shining forth. All we need is a pure heart—which comes when we realize we are God's beloved children and we each have God's exquisite grace within us. We can help others see us in this heavenly light simply by being true to ourselves and our divine origins.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25). "He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun."*

MONDAY, MARCH 13

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Let's give it up for Lent

If you grew up Catholic, you probably heard the question (perhaps more often than you would have liked!): "What are you giving up for Lent?" Often enough it was about forgoing goodies such as chocolate or your favorite television show. Good enough as far as it goes, if it taught you something about healthy self-denial. But there is another, more interior way to give things up for Lent—things such as judgmental comments that come from a secret sense of superiority or condemning attitudes that are nothing more than self-righteousness dressed up in sharp clothes. The real action in the spiritual life, we learn as we age, is interior. So—what will you give up this Lent?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 9:4b-10;*

Luke 6:36-38 (230). "The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Don't underestimate her

The Bible seems overpopulated by widows. Widows were a social problem in a world owned and operated by men. Without outside help, such women and their children were vulnerable. Yet widows assist prophets in the Old Testament and support Jesus in the gospels. Widows are active in the early church, and a woman named Tabitha was so indispensable, Peter is obliged to raise her from the dead. Helping others can help heal a mourning heart. Invite the widowed to be a contributing force in your community.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20;*
Matthew 23:1-12 (231). "Redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Aim low to go high places

"Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your Kingdom," the mother of the apostles James and John was telling Jesus—as if to say, "This Kingdom of yours, I want my boys in on it from

the get-go." Everyone, it seemed, was telling Jesus what to do. Jesus, though, had a very different take on who comes first and last: "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant." To follow Jesus is to imitate him, to do as he would have us do, and that includes serving others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 18:18-20;*
Matthew 20:17-28 (232). "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Give the gift of love

One of the keys to Lenten conversion is *almsgiving*, a word seldom heard except in church, which might be apt because while altruism can often be found among all good people, there is something more here than acts of charity. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul says, "If I give away everything I own . . . but do not have love, I gain nothing." It is the love, your attitude toward the other, not the thing given or even the sacrifice in giving that matters; it is the love that must motivate the gesture. It's not only, "Shall I give this person a few dollars?" but also, "Shall I—*can I*—love them?"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233).* "I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways."

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

MEMORIAL OF PATRICK

Larger than legend

Saint Patrick is often pictured with crosier, shamrock, and snake in hand. Tales of him using the shamrock to explain the Trinity or miraculously expelling snakes from Ireland are products of a later piety. But there's plenty about the historical Patrick to inspire admiration. Captured from his native England by raiders and enslaved in Ireland, after his escape Patrick deliberately returned to the land of his misfortune to bring the gospel. The crosier symbol is accurate: Patrick served as bishop and apostle to Ireland. Today he reminds us of our moral obligations even to those who trespass against us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234).* "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Doing good

We all want, even need, to feel God's presence, don't we? If not, what would be the point of believing? One way to feel the closeness of God is to live as God wants us to. As long as we give of ourselves and do good, we can be sure that

God is with us. For inspiration we can look to Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, remembered today, a bishop who worked hard for the people in his care, even while he was engaged in an intense struggle with those who subscribed to Arianism, the major heresy of the time. He even sold church property during a famine to relieve the sufferings of the poor. Give yourself to a good cause.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235).* "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."



Come with us on TUESDAY, MARCH 14, to the Philadelphia Flower Show to explore this year's theme on Holland!

We will leave from the Catholic Family Life Center at 9AM, returning by 5PM.

Cost: \$45.00 per person includes admission and transportation.

REGISTRATION DUE NOW!

Register on line at www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com; or mail check to CFLC at: 26 E. 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18073. For further information please call (215) 679-2237.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish: _____

No. of Tickets @ \$45.00/person: _____



*St. Philip Neri Senior Club
Celebrates 2 Years*



Come and Join the Fun!

*WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2017
11:30 AM - Parish Hall*

*As always, a catered lunch will be served -
A reservation is requested*

*To make a reservation:
Call Rita Latshaw at 215-679-7009
The reservation deadline is March 17, 2017*

An offering of \$5.00 is suggested for the lunch